

MEIR D. KAHANE

the Jewish problem in Russia and similar demonstrations against Arab establishments have often resulted in violence. Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder and National Director, has stated publicly on many occasions that violence is sometimes necessary to accomplish the aims of the JDL.

The confidential source learned that immediately following his presentation at Beverly, Kahane immediately returned to New York City, New York, where he was scheduled to fly to Israel where he will spend the next six weeks before returning to the United States.

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-210896)

DATE: 4/7/72

FROM : Legat, London (105-4834) (RUC)

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To: SAC, New York (157-5767)

From: Director, FBI (105-207795)

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NOTE:

Information set forth in the text of this Airtel was contained in communication [REDACTED]

Kahane, National Director, JDL, traveled to Israel on 3/27/72, and is scheduled to return to the United States during the latter part of April, 1972. [REDACTED] has been identified as a member of the Jewish Defense League (JDL).

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Airtel to New York  
Re: Meir D. Kahane  
105-207795

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Because of our intensive investigation of Kahane,  
JDL [REDACTED] the New York Office should be aware [REDACTED]  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)

DATE: 4/14/72

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (105-3148) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE  
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ReNYtel to Bureau, 3/2/72.

There are transmitted herewith five (5) copies to the Bureau and three (3) to New York of an LHM dated 4/14/72 containing the results of investigation concerning the subject's appearance at talks in Phoenix, Arizona, and Tucson, Arizona.

Also transmitted to New York are two Xeroxed copies of a newspaper clipping appearing in the 3/18/72 issue of the "Arizona Republic", a newspaper of general circulation in Phoenix.

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  - (1 - 100-6545) (YSA)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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April 14, 1972

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On March 9, 1972, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Rabbi Meir Kahane was speaking at the Great Hall of Law, Law Building, Arizona State University (ASU), Tempe, Arizona, at 8:15 p.m., March 15, 1972. The speech, which was being sponsored by Hillel, Jewish Student Association, and the Department of Sociology, ASU, was open to the public.

67c On March 14, 1972, this source further advised that Rabbi Meir Kahane was to arrive in Phoenix, Arizona, at 7:09 p.m. on March 15, 1972, by airplane (airline unknown). He was to be met by a representative of Hillel. The overall arrangements for the speech were being made by [REDACTED] Program Chairman for Hillel. Rabbi Kahane was being paid \$500 for this appearance which funds are being paid by Hillel. This source stated that there were indications that the Organization of Arab Students at ASU and the Young Socialist Alliance at ASU were planning to picket the speech by Rabbi Kahane. Acc 12

As the youth organization of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) serves as the main source of recruitment into that organization. The YSA is described in the masthead of its official publication, "The Young Socialist Organizer," as "A multinational revolutionary socialist youth organization".

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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ENCLOSURE

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The March 14, 1972, issue of the "State Press", a newspaper published Tuesday through Friday of each week during the school year by the Associated Students, ASU, Tempe, contained an advertisement on page 7 announcing that Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder and leader of the militant Jewish Defense League (JDL), would speak on March 15, 1972, at the Great Hall of Law at ASU. The advertisement stated "...you may not agree with his methods but hear him speak and make up your own mind!" This talk was "sponsored by Hillel, the Union of Jewish Students and the ASU Dept. of Sociology." No admission was to be charged and if any information was desired, a call could be placed to the Hillel Union, telephone number 966-5371.

The JDL, founded in 1968, is composed primarily of young Jewish militants who consider themselves as defenders of "Jewish Rights". Demonstrations attempting to dramatize the Jewish problem in Russia and similar demonstrations against Arab establishments have often resulted in violence. Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder and National Director, has stated publicly on many occasions that violence is sometimes necessary to accomplish the aims of the JDL.

The March 15, 1972, issue of the "State Press" contained an article captioned "50 Plan Protest". It first reported that Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of JDL, was to speak at 8:15 p.m. on March 15, 1972. His topic was to be "Survival of Jewish People." ~~Yakir Hassan~~, spokesman for the Organization of Arab Students and Mike Milin, of the YSA, said that they and 50 members of their two groups would protest at the speech. Plans for the protest called for a march to the Great Hall and the establishment of picket lines. Representatives of the two groups plan to attend the speech and ask Kahane questions. The article then stated:

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"Citing Jewish terrorist activities in the formation of Israel, Bakr said, 'The Zionist movement has always nourished on violence and suppression...the Palestinians became refugees and on their land the Zionist-racist state of Israel was established. Today, we see the same manifestations of these terrorist organizations in the JDL, and the occupying state of Israel is the cherished hero of JDL!'".

On March 16, 1972, the source advised that on the evening of March 15, 1972, approximately 30 individuals held a peaceful picketing of the speech by Rabbi Meir Kahane. The pickets consisted of two groups--a group of people from the Organization of Arab Students of ASU headed by Bakr Hassan and a group of YSA individuals headed by Mike Milin and Irene Corgosz. When the talk by Rabbi Kahane started the picketing stopped and most went in to hear the talk. Member of Young Socialist Alliance

The March 18, 1972 issue of the "Arizona Republic", a newspaper of general circulation in Phoenix, Arizona, reported that Rabbi Kahane told the ASU audience that they were building a school in Israel and that they would select young Jews from America to be trained there. Thereafter, these trained professional Jewish leaders will return to the United States to instill Jewish identity among the Jews. Rabbi Kahane further stated that "The Jewish leaders say that violence is non-Jewish and that JDL is bad. JDL came into being for nonrespectability". He also told the story of Moses seeing an Egyptian beating a Jew. He reported that Moses "didn't go for the National Council of Christians and Jews, and he didn't pick a committee to determine the causes why the Egyptian was beating the Jew. Instead, Moses smote the Egyptian". Rabbi Kahane also stated that "We don't bear arms, but our members learn how to use arms."

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The March 18, 1972, issue of the "Arizona Republic", a newspaper of general circulation in Phoenix, Arizona, contained an article captioned "Rabbi Fears Florida Vote". In this article, Rabbi Meir D. Kahane reportedly stated that Alabama Governor Wallace's victory in Florida was a sign that anti-Semitism was rising in the United States and that Jews should take steps to protect themselves for the predicted wave of anti-Semitism. The following also appeared in the article:

"The rabbi said 'violence has been the most terrible of all words for the Jews,' but he said some acts of violence by the Jewish Defense League have been effective protective action for Jews".

The Arizona "Daily Wildcat", publication of the Associated Students, University of Arizona (UA), Tucson, Arizona, reported in the March 17, 1972, issue that Rabbi Meir Kahane had spoken in the Liberal Arts Auditorium at the UA on the evening of March 16, 1972. Kahane was sponsored by the Departments of Government, Sociology and the Hillel House. Approximately 400 persons were present. Kahane, who was described as the founder and leader of the Jewish Defense League (JDL) warned of the rise of anti-Semitism in the United States and the rise of the American Nazi Party. The article referred to Kahane as a "resident of the State of Israel" and indicated that he held dual citizenship in both the United States and Israel. Kahane urged members of the Jewish faith to move to Israel and "come shape your own life" and "give some serious thought to going home". Kahane was recruiting young people to move to an Israeli kibbutz on the west side of the Jordan River. Kahane, in speaking of the plight of the Soviet Jew, "which the JDL has actively made protest", called for a mass demonstration of Jews to meet May 22 in Washington to raise questions about Soviet Jews to President Nixon, who is scheduled to leave for a visit to Moscow on May 22.

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b7c On March 16, 1972, [REDACTED] University of Arizona, Tucson, advised that the appearance of Rabbi Meir Kahane at the University of Arizona had gone smoothly and that there were no problems before or after the speech. [REDACTED] stated that he understood that the University of Arizona Student Body did not provide any funds for Kahane's appearance and that any payment made would have had to been made by the Hillel House, local University of Arizona Jewish student group.

On March 14, 1972, a second source, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, had advised that no information had been received of any opposition to the appearance of Rabbi Kahane in Tucson, and that his appearance had generated little interest in the Jewish Community in Tucson.

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END OF APRIL SEVENTYTWO.

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A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]  
THAT CAPTIONED SUBJECT WOULD RETURN TO NYC ON SUNDAY, APRIL THIRTY  
SEVENTYTWO. SOURCE HAD NO INFO AS TO WHAT AIRLINE SUBJECT WOULD USE  
OR DID HE KNOW THE TIME OF ARRIVAL.

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PROBATION OFFICER, VERIFY HIS ARRIVAL AND OBTAIN HIS PLANNED ITINERARY  
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MAY SECOND SEVENTYTWO, FOR A HEARING IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WILL  
PRESENT EVIDENCE TO HAVE SUBJECT'S PROBATION REVOKED.

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FROM PHILADELPHIA (105-18527)

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MEIR D. KAHANE, AKA; IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL

OO: NEW YORK

RE PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE, APRIL TWENTY EIGHT,  
LAST, CONCERNING SUBJECT'S SCHEDULED SPEECH AT PENN STATE  
UNIVERSITY, APRIL THIRTY, LAST.

SOURCE WHO HAS BEEN RELIABLE INFORMATION IN  
THE PAST ADVISED RABBI KAHANE DID NOT SHOW FOR SCHEDULED  
SPEECH BEFORE HILLEL GROUP DUE TO TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES.

ADMINISTRATIVE: SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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TO: SACs, LOS ANGELES  
NEW YORK (157-5767)

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)

1 - Mr. W. E. Wannell  
1 - [REDACTED]

~~RE: D. KAHANE~~; IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL

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LOS ANGELES NOTIFY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY GUY GOODWIN OF SUBJECT  
SCHEDULED ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK CITY THIS DATE.

NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY TARGET SOURCES, CONSISTENT WITH THEIR  
SECURITY, TO BE AWARE OF SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES AND LOCATION ON DAILY  
BASIS. KEEP BUREAU FULLY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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Subject, National Director of the aggressively milita-  
Jewish Defense League (JDL), is currently on probation for five  
years as a result of his conviction on 7/71, for violation of the  
Gun Control Act of 1968, investigated by Treasury Department.  
Subject departed the U. S. for Israel on 3/27/72. We have been  
closely following subject's travels and activities because of  
his history of fomenting violence and because of the interest  
in him expressed by high-level members of the executive branch  
of government.

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RE: MEIR D. KAHANE  
105-207795

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Inasmuch as investigative Federal Grand Juries convened in Los Angeles and New York City on 4/26/72, for the purpose of looking into JDL activities, these offices should be particularly alert for any information of interest concerning subject, his activities and associates. In this connection Departmental Attorneys Guy Goodwin and Earl Kaplan, Special Litigation Section, Internal Security Division (ISD), should be aware of [REDACTED] Assistant Attorney General, ISD is being notified of subject's arrival. State Department and [REDACTED] (S)

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TO LOS ANGELES

NEW YORK (157-5767)

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/2/72

Subject, National Director of the Jewish Defense League (JDL) is on five-years Federal probation as result of conviction in 7/71 for violation of the Gun Control Act, 1968. He returned to the U.S. from Israel on 4/27/72.

In attached, New York Office reported Kahane appeared in U.S. District Court, New York City, 5/2/72, for a hearing concerning possible violation of probation. After a reprimand, the Court continued his probation. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York, requested Bureau coverage of Kahane's future speaking engagements.

At the request of the Department, we have been affording such coverage and have disseminated the results thereof to the Internal Security Division. Kahane has

[REDACTED] In accordance with the previously approved procedure, Bureau Agents [REDACTED] on Kahane.

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RE BUREAU TEL TO NEW YORK, APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, LAST,  
AND NEW YORK TEL, APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, LAST.

ON MAY SECOND, SEVEN TWO, THOMAS PATTISON,  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (AUSA), EASTERN DISTRICT OF  
NEW YORK (EDNY), ADVISED THAT ON INSTANT DATE AT TEN  
AM, MEIR KAHANE APPEARED BEFORE JUDGE JACK WEINSTEIN,  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, EDNY, FOR A HEARING  
RE KAHANE'S POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF HIS FEDERAL  
PROBATION. JUDGE WEINSTEIN CONTINUED KAHANE'S  
PROBATION AFTER GIVING KAHANE A STRONG REPRIMAND AND  
ADVISING HIM THAT, IF HE ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES  
INVOLVING FIREARMS OR HIS ADVOCACY OF FIREARMS, HIS  
FEDERAL PROBATION MIGHT BE REVOKED. JUDGE WEINSTEIN  
DETERMINED THAT KAHANE HAD, IN FACT, VIOLATED HIS  
PROBATION ON THREE OCCASIONS DURING AUGUST, SEVEN ONE,  
WHEN HE WAS EITHER ASSOCIATED WITH OR SPOKE OF FIREARMS

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR (105-207795) (ATTN: D I D)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (105-26688)

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NT - JDL.

RE SAN FRANCISCO NITEL DATED OCTOBER ELEVEN, LAST.

ON OCTOBER SEVENTEEN, LAST, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED  
RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT THERE WILL BE  
NO SCHEDULED JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE SPEECHES AT THE HEBREW  
ACADEMY OR ELSEWHERE DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER SEVENTEEN  
THROUGH TWENTY, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO. SOURCE ADVISED THAT

ADMINISTRATIVE:

IDENTITY OF SOURCE IS

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LOGICAL SOURCES

ADVISED.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR ANY FUTURE JDL ACTIVITY  
IN THIS DIVISION.

AIR MAIL COPIES FORWARDED TO NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES

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3, WHO IMMIGRATED TO ISRAEL A YEAR AGO BUT STILL RETAINS HIS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP, CALLED THE REPORT "NONSENSE."

"IT'S JUST A LOT OF NONSENSE. IF I STOPPED TO WORRY ABOUT EACH GROUP THAT WANTED TO HARM ME, I'D BE OUT OF BUSINESS. FRANKLY, I COULDN'T CARE LESS (IF THE STORY WERE TRUE)," HE SAID AT HIS JERUSALEM HOME.

KAHANE SAID HE WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF ANOTHER ALLEGED MAFIA LEADER, JOSEPH COLUMBO, WHO WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD IN JUNE, 1971, DURING AN ITALIAN-AMERICAN RALLY.

KAHANE AND COLUMBO APPEARED FREQUENTLY TOGETHER IN PUBLIC, AT FUND RAISING DINNERS, PRESS CONFERENCES AND OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS. THE AMERICAN RABBI WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PERSONS TO VISIT COLUMBO IN THE HOSPITAL AFTER THE SHOOTING AND LATER AT COLUMBO'S BROOKLYN HOME.

KAHANE'S LIFE WAS SAVED, YEDIOTH SAID, WHEN ISRAELI POLICE ARRESTED HIM ON OCT. 1 IN CONNECTION WITH ATTEMPTS TO SMUGGLE WEAPONS ABROAD FOR USE AGAINST ARABS.

A COURT ORDERED THE JDL LEADER RELEASED FROM POLICE CUSTODY ON \$34,000 BAIL AND RETURNED HIS CONFISCATED PASSPORT ON THE CONDITION THAT HE NOT TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID THE DECISION TO "HIT" KAHANE CAME AFTER A MEETING LAST SEPTEMBER IN CHICAGO. "IT WAS HELD, IRONICALLY, JUST A DAY AFTER YOM KIPPUR, ON SEPT. 19, AND THE FATE OF RABBI KAHANE WAS DECIDED BY THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK."

FOLLOWING THAT DECISION, YEDIOTH SAID, "PLANS WERE WORKED OUT. THE WORD WAS OUT AMONG GAMBINO OPERATIVES THAT KAHANE HAD BEEN 'MARKED FOR A HIT,' AS THEY SAY IN THE UNDERWORLD."

THE NEWSPAPER SAID THE MAFIA PLANNED TO KILL KAHANE AND MAKE IT LOOK AS IF ARAB GUERRILLAS HAD DONE THE JOB.

"THE MURDER OF KAHANE WAS TO HAVE LOOKED AS IF IT WAS JUST ANOTHER CRIME PERPETRATED BY ARAB TERRORISTS, THUS FREEING THE MAFIA OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY," IT SAID.

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TEL AVIV--AN ISRAELI NEWSPAPER SAID TODAY THAT JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL) LEADER RABBI MEIR KAHANE WAS TO BE RUBBED OUT BY THE AMERICAN MAFIA. b1v

THE REPORT, WRITTEN BY YEDIOTH AHARONOTH'S NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT, SAID A CONTRACT TO "SILENCE" KAHANE WAS PUT OUT BY ALLEGED "GODFATHER" CARLO GAMBINO. N.Y.

QUOTING A "HIGH-RANKING MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT YEDIOTH SAID THE KILLING WAS CONNECTED WITH KAHANE'S ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE CRIME ORGANIZATION COUNTER ARAB GUERRILLA ATTACKS.

"IF KAHANE WOULD HAVE COME TO THE UNITED STATES, HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN DEAD BY NOW. NO OTHER THAN THE 'BOSS OF BOSSES,' CARLO GAMBINO, HAD ISSUED THE ORDERS TO SILENCE KAHANE WHEN HE ARRIVES IN AMERICA," YEDIOTH SAID.

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**FROM ACTING DIRECTOR FBI**

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY, JEWISH DEFENSE  
LEAGUE (JDL):

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL (UPI) NEWS RELEASE DATED TEL  
AVIV, OCTOBER TWENTY, LAST, QUOTED THE NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT OF  
YEDIOTH ANARONOTH AS REPORTING SUBJECT WAS TO BE "RUBBED OUT BY  
AMERICAN MAFIA" AS RESULT OF "CONTRACT PUT OUT BY ALLEGED GODFATHER,  
CARLO GAMBINO." UPI RELEASE ALSO QUOTED AN UNNAMED HIGH-RANKING  
MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT AS STATING TO YEDIOTH, "IF  
KAHANE WOULD HAVE COME TO THE UNITED STATES HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN DEAD  
BY NOW. NO OTHER THAN THE BOSS OF BOSSES HAD ISSUED THE ORDERS TO  
SILENCE KAHANE WHEN HE ARRIVES IN AMERICA." ACCORDING TO YEDIOTH,  
THE "MIT" WAS IN CONNECTION WITH KAHANE'S ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE CRIME  
ORGANIZATION COUNTER ARAB GUERRILLA ATTACKS. NEWS RELEASE  
CLAIMED KAHANE'S LIFE WAS SAVED WHEN ISRAELI POLICE ARRESTED HIM ON  
OCTOBER ONE, LAST, IN CONNECTION WITH ATTEMPTS TO SNUFFLE WEAPONS  
ABROAD FOR USE AGAINST ARABS. FURTHER, UPI RELEASE CLAIMED THE

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NEW YORK IDENTIFY "HIGH-RANKING POLICE SOURCE" REFERRED  
TO IN UPI RELEASE AND ESTABLISH AUTHENTICITY OF STATEMENTS  
ATTRIBUTED TO THAT INDIVIDUAL. COORDINATE INVESTIGATION  
WITH INFORMANTS AND SOURCES HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF ORGANIZED  
CRIME ACTIVITIES.

INSURE THIS MATTER RECEIVES AGGRESSIVE INVESTIGATION AND  
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**CABLEGRAM AND TELETYPE TO TEL AVIV  
AND NEW YORK  
RE: MEIR D. KAHANE**

**NOTE:**

Subject is the International Director of the Jewish Defense League (JDL). He has been residing in Israel since June 1972 and was scheduled to return to the United States on 10/1/73. He was arrested on the latter date by Israeli authorities in connection with JDL plot to smuggle weapons from Israel into the United States and Europe for use against Arab terrorists. We have been closely following subject's activities and travels and pertinent information developed has been promptly disseminated to all interested agencies. In connection with our intensive investigation of JDL and the subject we should be aware of the authenticity of allegations relating to an assassination attempt on subject by organized crime figures in the United States. Our New York Office has established through its investigation of JDL, and it has been publicly reported in the press, that Kahane and Joseph Colombo, New York crime figure, have been aligned in the past on issues of mutual interest.

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MEIR D. KAHANE; IS-NT-JDL

REBUTEL, OCTOBER TWENTY FOUR, SEVENTY TWO, QUOTING  
UPI RELEASE FROM TEL AVIV, OCTOBER TWENTY, SEVENTY TWO.

INQUIRY AT UPI, NYC, REFLECTS RELEASE PICKED UP FROM  
YEDIOTH AHARONOTH CORRESPONDENT. INFORMATION ATTRIBUTED  
TO "UNNAMED HIGH-RANKING MEMBER OF NYPD" RE "CONTRACT PUT OUT  
BY ALLEGED 'GODFATHER', CARLO GAMBINO", TO RUB OUT KAHANE.  
DID NOT ORIGINATE WITH UPI.

ON OCTOBER TWENTY SIX, SEVENTY TWO, [REDACTED]  
AND [REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, SECURITY  
AND INVESTIGATION SECTION, NYCPD, ADVISED NO POLICE OFFICIAL  
MADE SUCH STATEMENT TO PRESS TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE. BOTH OF  
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TO ACTING DIRECTOR NR. 216

FROM LEGAT TEL AVIV

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL.

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)  
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-5767)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE  
IS-NT-JDL

ReNYtel to the Bureau, 10/27/72.

Further inquiries with [redacted] Intelligence Division, and [redacted] Security and Investigations Section, NYCPD, determined statement attributed to "unnamed high-ranking (NYCPD) police official" re an alleged "contract" put out by CARLO GAMBINO, to rub out KAHANE is completely without foundation. [redacted] advised that the story originated in Israel and appears to be an attempt to "sensationalize" both KAHANE and his alleged connections with underworld element in NYC.

NYO sources, familiar with certain aspects of activities and members of organized crime element in NYC, contacted re this matter, but were unable to substantiate or provide any information re plot.

No further investigation re this matter being conducted by NYO.

Subject's activities being followed through news dispatches and any pertinent activity noted will be brought to the immediate attention of the Bureau.

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Pertinent details will be furnished by teletype to State Department, Central Intelligence Agency, and Secret Service, and by messenger to the Internal Security Division. This matter will be followed most closely.

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IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL

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ENCLOSURES:

Enclosed are four copies of a translation of an article appearing in "Yedioth Aharonoth," a Hebrew-language newspaper published in Israel, for October 20, 1972.

REFERENCE:

Tel Aviv cable, 10/25/72.

The above-mentioned newspaper article is captioned "The Mafia Planned to Liquidate Rabbi Meir Kahane," by GELSHON JACOBSON, indicating "police sources in New York."

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Police Sources in New York:

THE "MAFIA PLANNED TO LIQUIDATE RABBI MEIR CAHANE".

(By Gershon Jacobson).

YEDIOT

Friday

October 20, 1972

The life of Rabbi Meir Cahane, leader of the JDL, was in fact saved by the Israeli Police which arrested him and prevented his journey to the U.S. If Cahane had arrived in the U.S. it is possible that he would now be dead. Because no other than this Big Chief of the "Bosses", Carlo Gambino, had given the order "to silence Cahane" when he gets to the U.S.

This surprising revelation, made by a high-ranking officer of the New York Police, has been confirmed by a number of sources, which were involved directly and indirectly in the "Mafia" decision to rub out Cahane.

The arrest of Cahane solved a big problem of the New York crime king, and at the same time saved the lives of a number of people, including the leader of the JDL. It seems that, although these things might astonish a great many people, would be no news for the Federal Authorities in Washington and the Israel Police Thirteen "Godfathers".

From pieces of information which could be collected from Police and other circles, it seems that the Governments of Israel and the U.S. knew quite well about Cahane's intention to go to the U.S., in order to meet with the "Mafia" leaders and to mobilize the aid of "organized crime" to fight the Arab terrorists.

According to the sources, even before Rabbi Cahane revealed this in his appearance on 'Israel Broadcasting', "mysterious informers" revealed these full details about Rabbi Cahane's plan to the Department of Justice in Washington. These "informers" were "Mafia" agents who acted on instructions from Carlo Gambino.

Why did Gambino do that? Why did he decide to liquidate Cahane, and why did he then try to prevent that by passing prior information to the U.S. Department of Justice?

Police sources reported that Gambino responded to an instruction by

the "Committee" or the "Confederation" which is the highest body of power of

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the "Mafia".

The "Confederation" is composed of thirteen heads of "Mafia" families, the most powerful of the "Syndicate". When the "Confederation" decides, all must obey them, and all their decisions are adopted unanimously. Last September the "Confederation" held a meeting in Chicago, at which important decisions were taken concerning the world of crime. A previous meeting was held in August. Both meetings were called by the "Mafia Boss" in Chicago, Don Tony Acrardo. The meeting in August was called in order to obtain the votes of twelve of the members of the "Confederation" to reprimand the 13th member, Gambino, who did not come to the meeting. The order of the "Godfathers" was that Gambino must immediately stop the war in the underworld, which then raged in New York. The "Confederation" warned Gambino that if the acts of murder and shooting did not stop, the "Confederation" would send its own army to New York in order to put an end to the gang war "in its own way".

Gambino, who was in fact the planner of the power struggle between the gangs of Colombo and Galo, while reaping the benefits from the conflict between the two understood the hint of the "Confederation", and the series of murders stopped suddenly, after 17 "Mafia" people had been killed.

#### Immediate Liquidation.

This is where the Cahane affair enters the picture. According to police sources Gambino knew all along that Cahane was very close to Joe Colombo and his men. When Cahane informed one of Colombo's forces of his plan to fight against Arab terror, Gambino tried to prevent that kind of publicity at such a crucial time of his career. When Gambino learned of the connection between Cahane and Colombo Gambino notified the "Confederation" that he washes his hands of all responsibility and was drawing the attention of the Mafia people to the problem fraught with disaster, if Colombo exposes himself to a political struggle which would attract

the attention of the Authorities. The Mafia heads were enraged. They sent out warnings intended to prevent publicity about the operations of the underworld. They accused Gambino of the situation which prevailed and demanded that he get matters in hand. However, Gambino was not in a position to confront Colombo, because Gambino had been the man who had permitted Joe Galo to murder Joe Colombo. Carlo Gambino had another possibility, viz. to carry out slaughter among the key men of Mafia of Colombo, but it was impossible to do that "quietly", in accordance with the instructions of the "Confederation". Therefore he requested a solution from the other 12 "Godfathers" of the Mafia. And then the meeting in September was called. One day after Yom Kippur, on September 19, the thirteen "Godfathers" met and decided the fate of Rabbi Cahane. It was a decision to the effect that, as a last resort to prevent undesirable publicity and a storm around Mafia activities permission was given to Gambino to rub out Rabbi Cahane. Plans were made, and the information was passed round among Gambino's men, that Cahane was a "marked target". Cahane was scheduled to arrive in New York at the beginning of October and, according to the police circles, the gangsters were all set to murder him on arrival. The murder of Cahane was supposed to look as if he had been killed by Arab terrorists, the Mafia remaining "above suspicion". It was the time after the slaughter in Munich and the discovery of the explosive envelopes, therefore the Mafia thought it would look "a natural murder" if Cahane got himself killed as soon as he arrived in the U.S. to fight against the terrorists.

Cahane's liquidation was, as mentioned before, a 'last resort'. The Mafia leaders were looking also for other ways to prevent Cahane from going to the U.S. and to mobilise Colombo's gangs to fight the Arabs. Therefore they gave permission for someone to act as "informer" thus violating one of the iron laws of the underworld. Gambino's men decided to pass the details of Rabbi Cahane's plan for war against Arab terrorists on to the office of the Attorney General in Washington.



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According to police circles, it was Gambino's men who revealed Rabbi Cahane's intention to come to the U.S., that sub-machineguns and handgranades were being smuggled out of Israel, and other details on the plot between Cahane and Colombo. The Attorney-General informed the U.S. State Department accordingly, which in turn notified the Israeli Authorities. On September 23 the Israeli Police started their investigations and arrested Rabbi Cahane and some of his supporters. Thus the Mafia was released from the necessity to use the 'last resort' of silencing Rabbi Cahane for good.

#### Contacts with the Mafia.

As a matter of fact, the F.B.I. already suspected last summer that Rabbi Cahane was planning to return to the U.S. with weapons and to start his war together with Colombo's men, against the Arabs and possibly also against Soviet diplomats.

It is learnt that Bernard Deutsch, a rich businessman of Wall Street, New York, who was one of the supporters of Rabbi Cahane, was interrogated by two FBI Agents for six hours. They wanted to know whether official Israeli circles were secretly supporting Cahane. Deutsch told your reporter that he had said to the FBI Agents that he had no knowledge about these things and that his support for Cahane was limited to the financial side, providing bail for the release of JDL members who had been arrested, as well as paying for flight tickets to Washington where the JDL members demonstrated.

Rabbi Cahane began his contacts with the Mafia two years ago, when Joe Colombo made an agreement with Cahane to fight against the bothersome FBI. They were seen in public, side by side, and Cahane arranged press conferences together with Colombo and even went out to Colombo's summer house to play golf. They participated at dinner parties for charity and were speaking in praise of one another.

In June 1971, when Colombo was hit by three bullets in his head, Rabbi Cahane was among the first to visit him in hospital, while the doctors were still making efforts to save his life. At the time Cahane arranged a prayer for the life of Colombo. Since then Cahane was one of the friends of the Colombo family and he was even allowed to visit Colombo who was convalescing. It was that bond of friendship which worried the other Mafia leaders, particularly Gambino.

When Cahane's plan to come to the U.S. was about to be realised, with the prospects of the publicity that would accompany his activities in the war against terror, it was <sup>what</sup> Gambino who wanted to prevent at any price, even at the price of killing Cahane. However, he succeeded in having Cahane arrested without firing a single shot.

Now, after the Attorney-General of Brooklyn has started a campaign against 677 Mafia members, it is possible that some more aspects of the plot against Cahane will be revealed, when the Law Courts begin the hearings of the affair.

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ReButel, 10/24/72 and NY nitel, 10/27/72, both relating to United Press International (UPI) article concerning the alleged Mafia plot to assassinate subject.

Enclosed are six copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above. One copy is furnished for the information of Legat, Tel Aviv.

SA [redacted] contacted UPI. SA [redacted] contacted the New York City Police Department.

Confidential informants and sources of information of the NYO, familiar with the La Cosa Nostra activities of the CARLO GAMBINO crime family, have furnished no information to support the allegation reported by the Israeli newspaper Yedioth Aharonoth.

The NYO will make no further inquiry regarding the matter, UACB.

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A United Press International (UPI) news release datelined Tel Aviv, October 20, 1972, referred to an Israeli newspaper story which alleged that Jewish Defense League (JDL) leader Rabbi Meir Kahane was to be rubbed out by the American Mafia. The UPI release also quoted an unnamed high-ranking member of the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) who commented on the alleged attempt to assassinate Kahane.

The JDL is self-described as a militant activist group dedicated to the struggle for democracy, freedom and Jewish rights.

b7c On October 25, 1972, [redacted] UPI, 42nd Street and Second Avenue, New York City, advised that the article in question was not a UPI release. The story was picked up by UPI in Tel Aviv from a release originating with the Israeli newspaper Yedioth Aharonoth. [redacted] who had no information concerning the source of the Yedioth Aharonoth article, furnished a copy of the UPI story.

Extracts of the UPI article, datelined Tel Aviv, October 20, follow:

"An Israeli newspaper said today that Jewish Defense League leader Rabbi Meir Kahane was to be rubbed out by the American Mafia.

"The report, written by Yedioth Aharonoth's New York correspondent, said a contract to 'silence' Kahane was put out by alleged 'Godfather' Carlo Gambino.

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"Quoting a 'high-ranking member of the New York Police Department', Yedioth said the killing was connected with Kahane's attempt to have the crime organization counter Arab guerrilla attacks.

"If Kahane would have come to the United States, he might have been dead by now. No other than the 'boss of bosses', Carlo Gambino, had issued the orders to silence Kahane when he arrives in America', Yedioth said.

"Kahane's life was saved, Yedioth said, when Israeli police arrested the Rabbi Oct. 1 in connection with attempts to smuggle weapons abroad for use against Arabs.

"An Israeli court ordered the JDL leader released from police custody on \$34,000 bail and returned his confiscated passport on the condition that he not travel to the United States.

"The newspaper said the decision to 'hit' Kahane came after a meeting last month in Chicago. 'It was held, ironically, just a day after Yom Kippur, on Sept. 19, and the fate of Rabbi Kahane was decided by the middle of the week'.

"Following that decision, Yedioth said, 'plans were worked out. The word was out among Gambino operatives that Kahane had been "marked for a hit", as they say in the underworld.'

"The newspaper said the Mafia planned to kill Kahane and make it look as if Arab guerrillas had done the job.

"The murder of Kahane was to have looked as if it was just another crime perpetrated by Arab terrorists, thus freeing the Mafia of any responsibility", it said.

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On October 26, 1972, [redacted] and [redacted] Intelligence Division, Security and Investigation Section, NYCPD, advised that no police official, to their knowledge, made such statements to the press as reported by the New York correspondent of the Israeli newspaper Yedioth Aharonoth. Both men are of the opinion statements such as this frequently are attributed to "unnamed high-ranking police officials" without have any foundation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)

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Re WFO airtel/LHM, 10/11/72.

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MEIR D. KAHANE, AKA: IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL

RE TEL AVIV CABLE SEPTEMBER SIX, SEVENTYTWO.

AT THREE THIRTY PM, SEPTEMBER ELEVEN, SEVENTYTWO, SUBJECT, ALONE,  
✓ WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY, TEL AVIV, BY LEGAT IN THE  
PRESENCE OF ASSISTANT LEGAT AND EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER EDWARD S.  
✓ WALKER. [REDACTED]

✓ ~~OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT~~. <sup>HE</sup> ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] WAS PENETRATIVELY  
INTERVIEWED FOR ONE HOUR, SUBJECT MAINTAINED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW

✓ THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO ADVISED HIM OF THE ORGANIZATION <sup>NAMED</sup>  
"NAKAM" AND REFUSED TO FURTHER IDENTIFY HIM EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF  
BLUNTLY REFUSING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE UNIDENTIFIED

✓ INDIVIDUAL'S PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION. <sup>KAHANE</sup> [REDACTED] GENERALLY REPEATED WHAT HE HAD

✓ <sup>SAD</sup> [REDACTED] IN THE INTERVIEW HE AFFORDED AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYTWO,  
TO WALKER AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE EMBASSY, MUNRO P. JONES,  
IN ADDITION TO THE FOLLOWING:

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✓ THE UNIDENTIFIED "NAKAM" REPRESENTATIVE CAME TO SUBJECT IN  
✓ JERUSALEM ON AUGUST TWENTYTWO OR TWENTYTHREE, SEVENTYTWO, AND SPOKE  
✓ TO <sup>HIM</sup> [REDACTED] FOR NO LONGER THAN TEN MINUTES. SUBJECT STATED THAT THERE  
WERE NO WITNESSES TO THIS CONVERSATION. THE UNIDENTIFIED MALE WAS  
HOPEFUL THAT SUBJECT WOULD REPEAT HIS MESSAGE TO UNITED  
STATES AUTHORITIES AND FOR THIS REASON SUBJECT CAME TO THE EMBASSY  
AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYTWO. SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER, DATE UNRECALLED  
BY THE SUBJECT, HE SENT A TELEGRAM TO HIS JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE  
X [REDACTED] HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY WITH THE SAME INFORMATION.  
SUBJECT NOTED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO ARRANGED FOR HIS MEETING WITH  
WALKER AND JONES AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYTWO, WAS AN ISRAELI  
b7C ✓ CITIZEN, [REDACTED] A MEMBER OF THE JDL IN ISRAEL.  
✓ THE UNIDENTIFIED MALE REPRESENTING "NAKAM," THROUGH SUBJECT,  
INTENDED TO ADVISE THE U. S. EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV OF THE INTENTIONS OF  
✓ "NAKAM," FEELING CERTAIN THAT THE INFORMATION WOULD ULTIMATELY REACH THE  
SOVIET UNION THROUGH WASHINGTON, D. C. SUBJECT REFERRED TO THE EFFORTS  
TO ESTABLISH A DETENTE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION  
✓ AS "AN ACHILLES HEEL." THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF "NAKAM" WAS TO SECURE  
THE FREEDOM OF SOVIET JEWS BY THREATENING THIS DETENTE.  
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*Rel per State Dept.*

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✓ IN ADDITION, "IN CASE THE EMBASSY DIDN'T TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY,"  
A PRESS CONFERENCE WAS ORGANIZED BY THE SUBJECT RELEASING THE  
✓ INFORMATION CONCERNING "NAKAM."

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✓ IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO  
✓ FURNISHED THE INFORMATION ABOUT "NAKAM" OR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF "NAKAM," THE  
✓ SUBJECT STATED "I DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE AND, IF I DID, I WOULDN'T TELL  
YOU." HE STATED HE NEVER SAW THE MAN BEFORE OR AFTER HIS BRIEF TALK  
✓ BUT WAS IMPRESSED <sup>WITH</sup> ~~██████████~~ HIS SERIOUS AND STABLE MANNER. SUBJECT INSISTED  
✓ THAT "NAKAM" WAS NOT A SPLINTER GROUP OF THE JDL IN ANY "MANNER, SHAPE  
OR FORM;" <sup>AND ADDED</sup> ~~██████████~~ HE DOES NOT RECALL IF THE UNIDENTIFIED MALE  
✓ IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A MEMBER OF "NAKAM." SUBJECT STEADFASTLY REFUSED  
✓ TO FURTHER DISCUSS "NAKAM" OR THE UNIDENTIFIED MALE ADDING, "I WOULD HAVE  
✓ TO BE SUBPOENAED BY SOME GROUP." SUBJECT NOTED HE WOULD BE RETURNING  
✓ TO THE U. S. <sup>ON</sup> OCTOBER ONE, SEVENTYTWO. SUBJECT DID NOTE THAT HIS  
IMPRESSION FROM THE BRIEF CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH THE UNIDENTIFIED  
✓ MALE WAS THAT "NAKAM" HAD "GROUPS" IN THE U. S. AND WESTERN EUROPE.  
HE WAS UNABLE TO RECALL IF SUCH A GROUP EXISTED IN ISRAEL, INDICATING  
THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE LIKELY IN THE ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND ISRAEL.

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ALTHOUGH AT NO TIME DID LEGAT AND ASSISTANT LEGAT INDICATE THEY WERE BUREAU AGENTS, SUBJECT, AT CLOSE OF INTERVIEW, STATED HE HEARD ABOUT A YEAR AGO OF TWO FBI AGENTS BEING PRESENT IN ISRAEL. HE SMILED, MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT AND NO COMMENT WAS VOLUNTEERED ON PART OF LEGAT AND ASSISTANT LEGAT OR WALKER.

IT APPEARS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE IN LIGHT OF OLYMPIC MASSACRE AND JDL PRONOUNCEMENTS THAT JDL LEADERS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] LEFT ISRAEL SEPTEMBER FIVE AND SIX RESPECTIVELY. JDL MEMBER [REDACTED] LEFT ISRAEL SEPTEMBER FIVE, LAST. NO DETAILS RE THESE DEPARTURES OR DESTINATIONS AVAILABLE.

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RE INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT, CHARGE J. OWEN ZURHELLEN REQUESTS THAT COPY OF ABOVE REPORT OF INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT BE FORWARDED AT ONCE TO STATE DEPARTMENT.  
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BUREAU REQUESTED TO HAVE NEW YORK ATTEMPT TO LOCATE COPY OF  
TELEGRAM SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY SENT FROM ISRAEL TO JDL HEADQUARTERS IN  
NEW YORK BETWEEN AUGUST TWENTYTWO AND TWENTYEIGHT, LAST.

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CONTENT OF TELEGRAM MAY SERVE AS CHECK ON SUBJECT'S ALLEGATION.  
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FROM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

W. MARK FELT

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ACTING ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

MEIR D. KAHANE; INTERNAL SECURITY - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JEWISH  
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RETELCA, NOVEMBER NINETEEN, LAST.

NEW YORK OFFICE ADVISED NOVEMBER THIRTY, INSTANT, THE OFFICE OF  
THE U. S. ATTORNEY, (U. S. A.) SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, IS MOST DESIROUS  
OF OBTAINING COMPLETE PARTICULARS RELATING TO SUBJECT'S INVOLVEMENT,  
INCLUDING ANY ADMISSIONS HE MIGHT HAVE MADE TO ISRAELI AUTHORITIES,  
IN THE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL) PLOT TO SMUGGLE WEAPONS OUT OF  
ISRAEL FOR USE AGAINST ARAB TERRORISTS.

SUCAB FOLLOWED BY COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNICATION SUITABLE FOR  
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CABLEGRAM TO TEL AVIV  
RE: MEIR D. KAHNE

NOTE:

Subject, Co-founder and International Director of the militant Jewish Defense League (JDL), has been on 5-years Federal probation since July, 1971, for violation of the Gun Control Act, 1968. Subject was arrested in Israel on 10/1/72, by Israeli National Police regarding his possible participation in a JDL plot to smuggle weapons out of Israel for use against Arab terrorists. The New York office is currently conducting an intensive investigation of that matter insofar as it pertains to subject. At the same time, we are closely following subject's activities and travels. [REDACTED] 30

b1 [REDACTED] This matter is of obvious interest to our continuing investigation of subject as well as to his U. S. Federal probation authorities.

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On 11/30/72, Supervisor [REDACTED] New York Office, telephoned to advise of the request of the U. S. Attorney concerning subject's involvement in weapons smuggling for transmission to U. S. Probation authorities.

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Subject: MEIR D. KAHANE

INTERNAL SECURITY - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

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MEIR D. KAHANE; INTERNAL SECURITY - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY -  
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Kahane is free on federal probation in connection with conviction of violation of gun control statute in New York. We have been conducting intensive investigation of a JDL plot to smuggle arms to the U.S. and European countries.

Attached has been disseminated to Secretary of State, Central Intelligence Agency and Secret Service. Copy also sent to Internal Security Division of the Department.

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